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FOR : STRUCTURAL METAL MEMBER FOR USE IN
A ROOF TRUSS OR A FLOOR JOIST
ART UNIT : 3635
EXAMINER :

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Papers, a copy of which is attached hereto, dated August 21, 2001,
enclosed please find drawing sheets 1 through 3 containing Figures
1 through 7. Kindly substitute these formal drawing sheets for
the informal drawing sheets filed with the application.

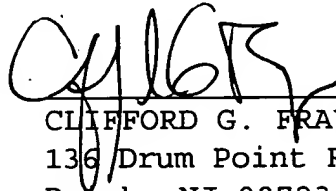
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Applicant respectfully submits that these substitute drawing sheets are responsive to the notice.

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Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - Drawings must be in dark ink (not pencil), except where color drawings or photographs are permitted.

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